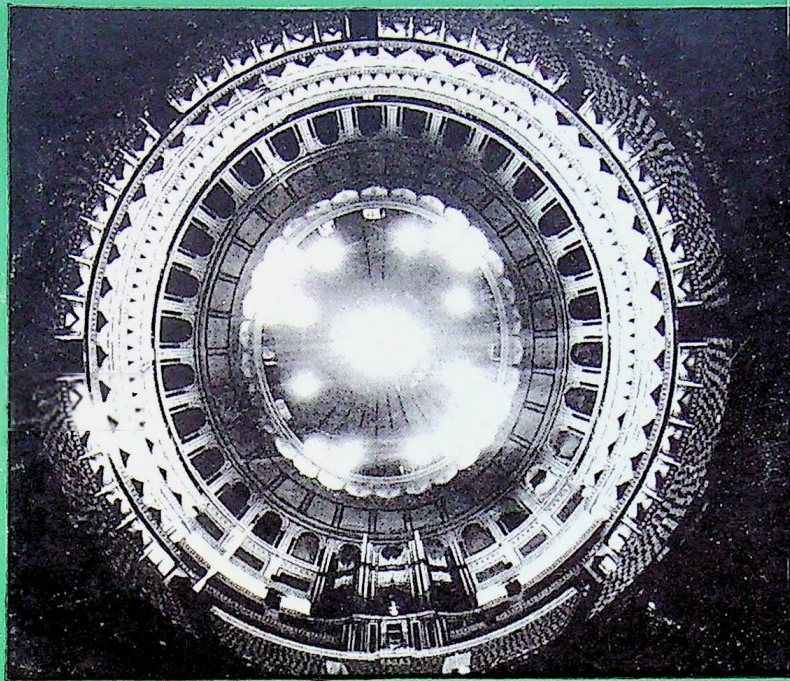




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COVER PICTURE: An unusual camera shot of the Royal Albert Hall, the setting for the Festival Evening on Saturday, June 16.

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IN AND OUT



-notes & comment

DURING THE LAST YEAR or so there have been great advances in the techniques of Corneal Grafting and the Royal National Institute for the Blind has invited the help of Toc H in

Eyes for securing donors. Specimen request forms
The Blind have been sent to all Areas for circulation and further supplies can be obtained by Branches wishing to co-operate from the nearest R.N.I.B. Office, or, in some places, through the local office of the Ministry of Health. This would seem to be an opportunity for older members in particular. In forty or fifty years' time, when the eyes of men at present in their twenties or thirties can be reasonably expected to become available, the position may be very different.

READERS OF THE JOURNAL have from time to time seen references to the Bordon Company. Members of the Company will know that the name was chosen because the decision concern-

Birthplace ing the formation of the Company was taken
of Bordon at a Retreat House, Whitehill Chase, Bordon, Hampshire. This Conference Retreat House is set in thirty acres of garden and woodland just off the Portsmouth Road (A.325). It is a place of quiet and of particular interest to those who in faith seek healing for body and mind. The House is under the direction of Canon H. Wallace Bird, Vicar of St. Mark's, Kennington and Chairman of the Guild of Health, and is available for small groups (maximum number sixteen) and Conferences. Branches and District Teams may be interested to know of this; further enquiries should be addressed to the Warden, Miss Ruth Cusance, Whitehill Chase, Bordon. Hants.

SIX HUNDRED MILLION CHILDREN, living in the less developed countries, are hungry, exposed to disease and poverty, and illiteracy. Many millions die each year; many millions will

The World's Children

go through life disabled. As far as their resources allow, help is being given to the children through UNICEF and the Save the Children Fund. World Children's Day, celebrated on June 6, is a reminder to all of us of this continuing problem and this year it is being centred on the theme "Every hungry child is a challenge to us all". Those who would like to do something to help should write direct to the Secretary, Organising Committee for World Children's Day, 14-15 Stratford Place, London, W.1. for further information about posters, films and printed matter and suggestions for local activities which can help towards focussing public opinion on this great need.

FRIENDS WHO KNOW "R.D." never cease to marvel at his industry and his talent as an assiduous compiler of historical records. His latest book* is a collection of biographies of

'Chosen Vessels'

ten of the most famous Indian Christian converts between 1700 and 1900. All were men of great intellect, often from very high-class families or caste. Christians in any land, not only India, cannot fail to be moved by the account of their achievements. Their greatness was so apparent that the author cannot restrain himself from wagging a finger at modern Indian Christians and cautioning them against littleness. That is the danger in any church once it becomes established; even the newly composed Churches of South India and North India. This book will help them to keep the heroic strain alive.

* CHOSEN VESSELS By Rajaiah D. Paul. (*Indian "Christian Students' Library"* No. 25) Rs. 2.70.

WILL ALL BRANCH TREASURERS please note that Toc H Headquarters must now register as Charities all Branches holding freehold property either in the name of Toc H or of local

Charities Act 1960

Trustees, all Branches holding funds for special purposes and all Branches having income from investments of £15 per year or more. It is also necessary to provide the Charity Commissioners with a summary of accounts. Many Branch Treasurers have already sent their 1961 accounts to their Hon. Area Treasurer. Will those who have not done so please do so without delay and so help us in dealing with this difficult task of registration.

To Publish Abroad-IV

Branch Publicity

CHARLIE WALLACE

Successful Branches very rarely shout for "more publicity". They are their own publicity: they've got something to shout about. What's more it is their duty to shout about it, not in order that people may say what fine fellows they are, but that people may give glory to God that such things are done and may perhaps join in the work.

THE ABOVE WORDS by John Callf appeared in the February JOURNAL. Read them again, get their full significance. Read in full the articles on this subject in the February and March issues, then Colin Wintle's comments in the April number. When you have got to the end of these words resolve to bring up the matter at your next Branch meeting.

There are just under 14,000 members in Toc H at present. It should be 25,000, and could be, within two years, if *all* Branches made the effort to double their present membership. A major revival of our Movement could take place if we made our Branch meetings and activities sufficiently attractive. Publicity and P.R.O. work can help considerably to achieve this. The two principal objectives of the Branch P.R.O. must be to secure new members and publicise the Movement as a whole.

How can we attract a man and retain him in Toc H today? A big publicity campaign carried out by the top experts in the land would be wasted if prospective members found little to interest them when they attended a

Branch meeting. If you invite friends to tea on Sunday you try to provide a table attractively arranged, they enjoy the food, and conversation is a real pleasure.

Let us take my own Branch and see what makes them 'tick'—their methods in running their weekly meeting is all within the category of Public Relations work. They meet on a Friday, a good night, with so many men now on a five day week. The members assemble at 8.0 p.m. in a rather unpretentious building and they 'natter' until 8.15 p.m. During this period sub-committees are arranging meeting dates, the Pilot is getting the Lamp in position and the "char wallahs" are getting the kettles on for tea at 8.50 p.m. The Chairman then calls the assembly to order and the minutes of the previous meeting are read by the minute Secretary. Before business matters are discussed the Chairman makes enquiries regarding the well being of any members not present. The Branch has a "Burrow" scheme in operation where men are divided into groups numbering three to eight with a leader, who is informed by a member if he will not be present that night and the reason why. The member's wife knows who to contact if her husband is ill and he is thus assured of visitors. The new member quickly learns that, on this point alone, he is no longer an isolated unit in the local community.

The 'Remembrancer'

At 8.45 p.m. the chairman brings the business to a close and then a member, on rota, takes "Light". In most cases prior to doing this, he will give a 'reading' maybe a quotation, something from the press, a humorous story or just a few sentences on the 'Four Points'. After 'Light' tea and biscuits is generally followed by the celebration of a member's birthday when his health is drunk (in tea). The 'Remembrancer' then collects a few coppers from each member and the 'Birthday' member pays the same amount as the total collected. This fund is used for special purposes, for instance, a wreath for a funeral,

telegrams, and flowers for various occasions such as when a member's wife is unfortunate enough to be in hospital.

At 9.0 p.m. sharp the visiting speaker would commence, it being made clear to him by the Chairman that the members would like at least fifteen minutes for questions. The meeting will finally close at 10.15 p.m. with home-going prayers.

So much for meeting procedure, what else does the Branch have in its make-up, that from a membership of twenty in 1945 it has kept in excess of forty during the past 10 years with an average attendance of thirty-five? There are fifteen members holding office consisting of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Jobmaster, Programme Secretary, Pilot, Treasurer, District Team Reps. (2), Remembrancer, Host, House Manager, Banner Bearer and P.R.O. The first five officers mentioned are elected at the Annual General meeting held in October. They take office the following January and they thus have time to work out their year's programme in advance. The Branch has always insisted that these particular offices are changed each year, in this way the 'ex-officers' are able to give the new ones (often those most recently initiated) the benefit of their experience. With eight ex-Chairmen still available, this works very well.

Planned programmes

From the P.R.O. viewpoint, it may be cheating a little, but the programme is compiled, in part, with the interests of the local newspaper Editor in mind. A proportion of speakers, subjects for discussion and debate are chosen for their 'mass appeal'. The Public Services and supply Corporations will always send a speaker. Discussions on matters of local public interest and topics of the moment, always get plenty of space. Bringing the wives in occasionally and discussing such subjects as "What constitutes a happy marriage?" "He's my husband—but", or "Are holidays apart, a worthwhile experiment?" These and similar subjects have often got on to the front page or even been the subject of the 'Leader'.

A further means of valuable publicity is secured by running a Christmas Bazaar each year. To 'put over' the story for the Bazaar, a four-page programme is compiled and distributed by the members personally to 3,000 homes in the district. Apart from publicising the Bazaar, it extends an invitation to men to visit the Branch and asks them to contact one of about a dozen members indicated therein, each selected for his geographical address. This programme has now been distributed for the past seven years and its value is apparent when carolling at Christmas. The members with the collecting boxes just say 'Toc H' when the door opens, and the money goes in for whatever project they have in hand at the time.

Inviting contacts

Another method of securing new members is to print the next six months programme on a card, on the reverse side of which is given brief details of what Toc H is, and extends an invitation to contact one of the members. These cards are put in the letter boxes of likely prospects. In this connection, it is worth thinking about neighbours who *could* be useful to the Branch such as local Councillors or those who hold a special position in the local community. Don't expect them to attend meetings at once, but later, when undertaking a corporate job, such as taking handicapped children for an outing in the country, you may find they will respond with their cars and assist.

Your programme may have a particular subject in it that might appeal to them later and they would come along. A good attraction is the manager of your local professional Football Club, the Golf pro, or maybe you have a local Historian. You may get men into the Branch under false pretences at first, but if they see something of your Christian fellowship that impresses, they may stick. Remember always the ladies—provide for them at regular intervals with Family nights, Theatre visits, and coach trips. Other men's wives will want to come—you then step in on *their* husbands for Toc H. When you have a subject of unusual interest the 'Local' will generally be

pleased to cover it with their own reporter. If, however, you are sending a report yourself of a speaker or discussion make a point of stressing figures, names and dates and particularly those points that have a "mass appeal".

It has paid to shout about the larger corporate jobs undertaken by the Branch, but always remember to pipe down completely on the small ones. People will talk about these among themselves and members often feel that these small charitable acts are personal affairs.

Real cross-section

Our Branch has always tried to keep in its membership a real cross-section of the male population in its locality. That these basic principles have proved successful is apparent when one considers that since 1945 it has "hived off" sixteen of its members to start another Branch. It also started a further Branch in another district that has increased its membership considerably and in its turn, founded a Branch itself.

To sum up, plan ahead for a period of two years, appoint a member as Programme Secretary and P.R.O., hold executive meetings of your officers every two months on nights apart from your Branch meetings, and think of all the gimmicks you can to attract new blood. So "Praise the Lord and pass the Ammunition" !

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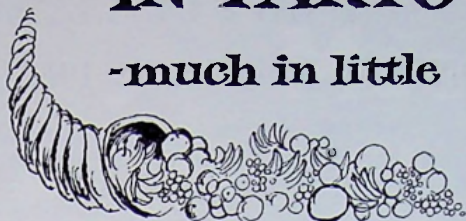
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☘ VISITORS FROM OVERSEAS will be specially welcome at the Festival; also those men and women who were too young in 1957 to attend the last Festival.

☘ The ANNUAL REPORT in the April issue and the report of the CENTRAL COUNCIL meeting in this number are best discussed by Branches with their Councillor present.

☘ CENTRAL COUNCILLORS: Branches are due to nominate their candidates for election for the period 1962-64 by May 31.

☘ PRIDEAUX HOUSE: Opening and House-warmings in June.

☘ THE LONDON SPORTS at Battersea Park on May 26.

☘ DOR KNAP: Members, friends and families are invited to the Open Day on Whit Monday, June 11. Bring a picnic lunch. Cups of tea provided.

☘ THE WINANT VOLUNTEERS of 1962 will arrive on June 22.

☘ The STAFF CONFERENCE will be held from July 2 to 6.

☘ 'CHRISTIANS IN INDUSTRY': On July 6-8 a weekend at Dor Knap, led by Padre John Gingell, S.E. London Padre and S.L.I.M. Chaplain to Southern Region, British Railways. Apply to him at Toc H London Office, 42 Trinity Square, E.C.3.

☘ WHILE ON HOLIDAY it's not a bad thing to wear a Toc H badge, a Toc H tie or a Toc H blazer badge. If you meet more than six (including Toc H car badges), send the tally to the Editor.



SUMMER FESTIVAL

IN LONDON June 16-17, 1962

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Rendezvous on Tower Hill. . . . Toc H and Women's
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Saturday Afternoon, 3.30 p.m.

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Crutched Friars House. . . .

Sunday Afternoon :

By road, rail or river to the South Bank for
THE FAMILY GATHERING
in the
ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL
commencing 2 p.m. A full programme until about 4 o'clock



Central Council Meeting 1962

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Central Council, the governing body of Toc H, duly took place at The Hayes, Swanwick, in Derbyshire on Saturday and Sunday, March 31-April 1. Most Councillors arrived on the Friday evening, and after supper were welcomed by ARNOLD BEARDMORE (*Cent. Exec.*), who chaired an informal session, and Canon 'DICK' CRAIG (*Hon. Area Padre, Notts. and Derby*). Among the highspots of this gathering was a series of quick-fire talks, illustrated by projected colour transparencies, given by GEOFF MARTIN on India, ALAN HILL on the Loch Eil project, Padre LEONARD RIVETT on Spurn Point and GEORGE ATKINSON covering Dor Knap. An amusing interlude occurred when the Chairman forecast the amount of loose change in a Councillor's trouser pocket, with far greater accuracy than the victim himself. The 'official' part of this care-free session ended with Family Prayers, led by KEN PRIDEAUX-BRUNE.

Council in Conference

On the Saturday morning, the Council paid close attention to an address given by STELLA, DOWAGER MARCHIONESS OF READING, the Chairman and Founder of W.V.S. Lady Reading's theme concerned voluntary work in the community and the relationship between voluntary service and the statutory services in the 'Welfare State'.

"More voluntary service", said Lady Reading, "is being given today by more people, in more ways than ever before, but there are many people still wanting to know ways in which they could help. The Welfare State would be a dry wall with no mortar between the bricks but for the voluntary service which must hold the confidence of those they endeavour to serve."

Outlining a project for both Toc H and Rotary to combine with W.V.S. in co-operating locally to assist the Probation Service in borstal and after-care, Lady Reading said that at the present time such work fell between various stools of different societies. A start could be made by getting friends for ex-borstal boys and ex-prisoners and finding them a decent place to live.

"Statutory and voluntary work in this field must be one service" she continued. "It must be nationwide and not bound by red tape. I would like to see Probation Officers given status and good pay and undertake the whole responsibility for care both in and out of prison. Not under the general direction of a single person but of a board of seven independent members, on the lines of the National Assistance Board, headed by a man of great stature who commands universal respect."

Lady Reading added that the volunteers should work under the professionals. Voluntary workers would have to learn humility through discipline in working for the statutory body. Before being admitted to the position of helping professional Probation Officers they must be tested and trained.

The President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, Mr. H. J. BENNETT, speaking from experience as a Headmaster of an Approved School, said "What our young people are suffering from today is not poverty or terribly bad housing, but too much money, too much spare time and not enough knowledge of how to spend them." Referring to the project outlined by Lady Reading, he felt that members of Rotary represented 'authority' to the ex-Lorstal boy and were therefore suspect. They might better apply their weight towards providing a job, or helping in housing and some other ways.

In the long and interesting discussion which followed, many speakers paid tribute to the outstanding and selfless work of Probation Officers and Lady Reading stressed her belief in the necessity to streamline the proposed scheme, enabling the Probation Service to take over responsibility from the start and backed right the way through by the Voluntary Services.



Lady Reading, Chairman and Founder of W.V.S., with Mr. H. J. Bennett, President of Rotary International in Gt. Britain and Ireland and, left, S. G. H. Davis, Chairman Toe H Central Executive.

The Administrator

Councillors and all present heard with obvious pleasure the good news of JOHN CALLF'S steady progress towards complete recovery. Although unable to be with them in the flesh he sent the Council the following message:

I have been advised to forego the pleasure of attending this year's Council. Much as I regret it I feel that it is the wise thing to do. I have still a little way to go before I am able to cope with all that attendance at a Council demands. I couldn't be there and not be completely caught up in all that went on. So I must be patient and philosophical, thinking of you all and praying that all may go well.

When I told last year's Council that the big achievements of recent years—including such things as the new Headquarters. Dor Knap and the new Mark III—had not been made without some cost in health I was more of a prophet than I imagined! I would not like you to think that I have been the only casualty. The whole of our small Headquarters team has had a hard fight to keep going. How grateful I am to JIM, REX and GEORGE DAVIS for the extra burdens they have shouldered in consequence of my illness. And heaven be praised that the longed-for reinforcement has arrived in the persons of CYRIL CATTELL, COLIN CUTTELL, 'PETE' PETERS and ALAN HILL. They are sorely needed.

One special regret I have is that I shall not be there to join in your general salute to REX CALKIN and JACK CLARK whose last Council this will be as General Secretary and Houses Secretary respectively. I freely endorse all the things you are likely to tell them!

I shall be keen to hear what your ideas are concerning the

Jubilee effort. Let the thoughts, the aspirations and the inspirations of members at home and overseas mount up into one great campaign. Above all let it be a real "Do-it-Yourself" campaign calling for hard work and hard thinking by every one of us.

Two years ago Central Councillors, representing the whole membership, asked us to organise another National Festival. Last year you endorsed the plan. A lot of folk are now hard at work on it; few people know just how big a sweat it is. Now it is your job to make sure that your Branches support the Festival in a style that will make all the hard sweat worthwhile. You and your Branches asked for the Festival—we ask you and your Branches to be there in good heart and voice. If it is any inducement to you I promise *not* to sing this time!

Annual Meeting

Punctually at 2 p.m. on Saturday, prayers were led by Padre L. S. RIVETT. All present were then welcomed by the Chairman, S. G. H. DAVIS (*Cent. Exec.*), and those invited to attend, including five Councillors' deputies, were given the Council's permission to take part in the discussions, without power to vote. Although the attendance was not quite so good as in recent years, mainly owing to last moment illness, 82 of the 100 Councillors elected by Branches were present. The 20 other Councillors attending were a President, Lord COLGRAIN, and members of the Central Executive.

Arising from Minutes

Reports on action taken since the last annual meeting were received, confirming information given to Councillors during the year. The first related to the Council's wish that the Central Executive should appoint a full-time staff man to work in Universities and Technical Colleges. Councillors were reminded of the Administrator's appeal to them for 'Staff Spotting' but, in John Callf's own words read to the Council, "no one had yet succeeded in producing a man to devote himself exclusively to this work." The additional help of Alan Hill for the Schools Department was enabling Kenneth Prideaux-Brune to concentrate on work in Universities but only at times when he was not fully concerned with the Winant Volunteers. The search was still on.

Allied with this there was last year's request from South Wales that the present Areas be re-organized so that "all parts of the country might be under the direct supervision



A breath of fresh air between sessions.

of a staff man". The rough plan then suggested had been considered but the Central Executive had found some rearrangements of boundaries quite unworkable. The principle of Areas being equal in number to the number of staff men was felt to be unsound since changes in Areas would be necessary whenever the number of staff changed. There were one Area and three small Divisions (out of thirty) with Honorary Correspondents but no whole-time men at present, a situation constantly kept well in mind. At this meeting a plea was made by J. S. MILL (*South Wales*) for staff men to be lent by other Areas for a month or so at a time. The ADMINISTRATOR had sent word to the Council that the present shortage of money and mobile manpower meant that some Areas may have periods without staff. Wherever this applies, he said, we try to ensure that the Area gets more than the average amount of attention by way of staff visits. "South Wales has had a pretty good ration in the last twelve months."

The CHAIRMAN then asked for the acceptance of the circulated report on the 1961 resolution from the West Midlands "that, in view of the present connotation of the word 'probationer', this word be replaced as soon as possible and, further, that the whole of Toc H phraseology be reviewed and be brought into line with modern thinking."

The Central Executive had decided that the terms 'prospective member', 'applicant' or 'candidate' should be used variously. Signed by J. B. BRADFORD (*Northern and Cent. Exec.*), the report continued:

"A Study Team has been looking at other titular terms and forms of speech peculiar to Toc H. A substantial amount of research and sounding of opinion has been done. The Team found that, with few exceptions, our terms were all well chosen in the beginning and have not lost their validity with the passage of time. It would not be difficult to suggest alternatives for most of our familiar terms, but there is no justification for doing so where the term is definitive in terms of present-day practice. If, in spoken language, a word becomes obsolete, it is usually because the thing which it represents has changed its character, or has itself become obsolete. This suggests that those who seek to change our terms are dissatisfied, not so much with the terms, as with the office, or function, or whatever it is that the term represents. It may be that some of our practices or usages are thought to be no longer in line with modern thinking, but consideration of such a point is not within the scope of the resolution. The Executive came to the conclusion that no widespread reshaping of our phraseology is required. One or two of our terms, for which alternatives have been proposed, are under consideration."

The Study Team's opinion that 'Mark' had lost much of its relevance with the years had found no favour with the Central Houses Committee, whose members were convinced that the dropping of the word would lead to Marks being referred to as hostels and Marksmen as hostellers (? housemen). The Central Executive had accepted this and approved of all Marks in future having names attached to them, such as The Brothers' House, Gladstone House and Prideaux House. The report was accepted.

Sponsorship was the next matter dealt with, arising from the resolution recorded in the minutes as emanating from Councillors in Beds. and Herts. with this preamble: "Believing that in a majority of cases sponsorship has become a formality and that from this fundamental weakness arises many of the problems of Toc H to-day." Reporting on the action taken to "bring home to Branches the nature of their responsibility", REX CALKIN (*General Secretary*) quoted the opinion that "many members were becoming concerned about the slaphappy manner in which men were being invited to become members; new men were accepting mem-

bership with only the vaguest conception of what was involved; through no fault of their own, they did not comprehend the things to which they were committed". Since the Council had last met, the new edition of *The Toc H Signpost* had had something to say about sponsorship. A new leaflet, *To Sponsors*, had also been issued to Branches. "But we all know that leaflets are not enough; paper alone is not infectious or contagious. More needs to be done about training and standards and friendliness, of which one aspect is sponsorship."

The last matter for report arose from the minutes of the two Special Meetings of the Council held in 1961 to amend certain Articles of the Royal Charter, mainly in order to make sure that the Objects of Toc H can only be interpreted in law as being 'exclusively charitable'. After Her Majesty's Privy Council had made some further textual amendments which were acceptable to the Central Executive and the Corporation's legal advisers, the whole had been duly allowed last August and the new wording made available.

Appointments

The Council was asked to confirm the Central Executive's re-appointment of the Rev. R. J. DAVIES as Administrative Padre for the normal term of two years. This was given with acclamation and then on his proposal, seconded by J. B. BRADFORD (*Cent. Exec.*) the following appointments and re-appointments as Association Padres were confirmed:

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Canada:</i> | The Rt. Rev. MICHAEL E. COLEMAN (C/E). |
| <i>Central Africa:</i> | The Rev. DOUGLAS H. BRIDGE-COLLYNS (C/E). |
| <i>New Zealand:</i> | The Rev. E. CLIFFORD BARBER (C/E)
with effect until 31.12.64. |
| <i>Staff Padres:</i> | The Rev. Canon COLIN CUTTELL (C/E). |
| | The Rev. E. BENTLEY EDWARDS (Bapt.) (S. Africa). |
| | The Rev. A. ROBERT H. GREY (C/E). |
| | The Rev. JOHN I. JONES (Bapt.) (part-time). |

For periods of Staff appointment.

Jubilee, 1965

A call for the co-operation of the whole Movement was made by JOHN DAVIES (*Chairman of the Jubilee Team*), who said the Central Executive believed "that this occasion should be marked throughout the Movement by a renewal of our faith in Toc H as an instrument of God's purpose and by an extension or intensification of the service humbly offered by members and Branches both to God and their fellow-men." A small but valuable response had been made to the Central Executive's appeal for suggestions; many more were sought.

"We would also like to know your views" he continued, "as to whether you think overseas projects should be included in our plans. The Jubilee is not only an occasion for looking



John Davies and Geoff Martin.

back, but for looking forward. Toc H will have been in existence for fifty years during which times have changed. The challenges today are different; they call for a different treatment. Has Toc H changed with the times and changed in its approach, or is it applying old methods to new problems and therefore falling short of achievement?

Toc H activities have been very much group activities. I would think that the present tendency is for group jobs to be reduced in number and that there is more call for jobs for the individual, although the individual may need the support of the group in his activities. The challenges which existed in the '20s have been defeated: for instance, that of class distinction. Let us give thanks for this. New challenges have arisen in their place. What are they and what is our responsibility in regard to them? Have we let a number of them go by because they seem too difficult to tackle?

A frontier movement must have freedom of outlook. Are the various parts too remote from each other? Have we a mixture of men? In the past Toc H appealed to men of Christian inclination but belonging to no particular denomination. Do we still appeal to such men or have we tended to narrow our membership to people who are members of recognised Churches? If this is so, ought we to stretch our net more widely

again? Some may think that Toc H is reaching the fulfilment of its purpose. I think not, and the Jubilee is the occasion for reaffirming this. The actual working-out of Jubilee projects can only be done by a small body of men but they must be supported by the whole Movement."

In a lively discussion which followed, D. S. SANDERS (*W. London*) said that, as Toc H was world-wide, its Jubilee should be celebrated both at home and overseas. S. V. BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*) strenuously denied any idea that Toc H had done its work. R. J. DAVIES (*Admin. Padre*) said that Toc H had one simple purpose, "To bring home to multitudes of men that behind the ebb and flow of things temporal stand the eternal realities." "This may be more difficult at certain times," he continued, "but that does not mean it should be abandoned. What we need, constantly, is prayerful and creative thought about the purpose of Toc H and its expression, and far less regard paid to its ceremonial. We exist to be a kind of experimental laboratory for the Church, to make clear to men God's purpose, and we can communicate the truth of the Gospel by putting prayer and experience to interpretation. Let us act adventurously, putting more and more emphasis upon Christian activity and Christian action. The purpose of Toc H has not ceased to exist and there is nothing that can replace it. The truth of that is written in our literature, in our hearts, minds and memories."



S. V. Berwick with W. J. Harris.

G. H. SMITH (*East Yorks.*) urged members not to wait for Jubilee year, but to revitalise their Branches now, and S. G. H. DAVIS (*Chairman, Cent. Exec.*) felt that Toc H would only fulfil its purpose if it is a growing movement. "The Jubilee is a grand opportunity" said C. P. DAVIS (*N. London*) "for the world in general to be shown what Toc H has done over the last fifty years, but we must also be able to set before people our plans for the future". T. ROMANIS (*Marches*) thought that the present standard of membership

stood higher than it did in the days of larger numbers, but it was time older members shared their responsibilities with younger men. E. W. EDEN and T. H. BRAMLEY (*East Mids.*) asked that the Council instruct the Jubilee Team to go right ahead today. This later was carried.

F. L. PETCH (*Beds. and Herts*) suspected the poor response received so far was due to the Jubilee year of 1965 seeming remote to busy people, and W. H. BEETON (*Cent. Exec.*) said that the Jubilee Team had very much in mind the need to deal with projects *now*. They wanted more suggestions from members and hoped they would be quickly forthcoming. J. HARRISON (*Finance Sec.*) urged members to do the things that wanted doing on their own doorsteps, as well as backing overseas projects where the need was beyond question. Padre BOB KNIGHT (*Manchester*) felt we were already geared to the Freedom from Hunger Campaign but, as today's challenges were complex, members needed to become better informed. W. L. JONES (*E. London*) said that lack of publicity led to people getting a wrong idea about our Movement and D. E. LOCKHART (*Beds. and Herts.*) looked for a project that would fire the imagination of every member.

A final word came from TUBBY, who said: "We are a small show now because God wishes us to be small, but He wants us to look outside our ranks because we are a movement. When we started Toc H meetings we never met without having at least one stranger in our midst. . . . It is quite obvious that we cannot run a show in three years' time without having done the preliminary work. It is only right to realise that this thing is good, but that we are few. 'Toc H is going on for centuries!'"

Services Work in Germany

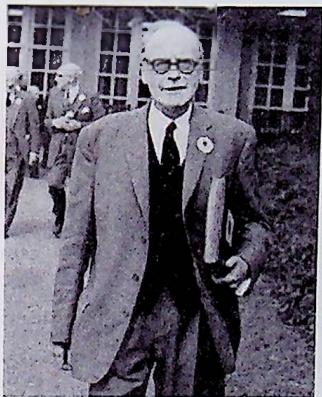
Reporting on the year's workings, Colonel J. A. DAVIES (*Cent. Exec.*) said that additional staff had taken some of the burden off the people who had been carrying it for so long. We had also got our feet on the ground financially, and instead of showing a deficit, after making allowance for rebate from the War Office, the Services Fund ended the year with a slight margin.

"The Staff in B.A.O.R. have done a tremendous job," he continued, "but the pace has been very hot indeed and

there have been some heavy casualties. BOB PRESTON, our Commissioner, had worked himself to a standstill and has come back home. His place has been taken by BILL GIBB who has also been ill during the year, again through heavy pressure, and other members of the staff have had to have time off for the same reason. They are giving loyal and devoted service but it worries me that they are working too hard. This question of recruitment of staff for Germany is one of our problems; at the present moment we are six under strength and with a small staff that is a big number. I do take this opportunity of appealing to the whole Council for help in the recruitment of staff for Germany. It is an exacting job and demands a lot but it is very worthwhile and one of the best jobs in the Movement."

The Annual Report

In moving the reception and consideration of the Annual Report, H. D. MILLS (*Cent. Exec.*) said that during the year the question of publicity had received some attention and quoted from the Report's concluding paragraph "We live in a world of propaganda and publicity, in which the continued existence of the basic principles of Toc H today are not at all widely known."



Rex Calkin, General Secretary.

He suggested that every Branch should see to it that details of their activities were reported as frequently as possible in the local Press, and that close contact was maintained with the Churches, Voluntary Societies and, in fact, everybody in the district who influences public opinion and action. "It is only by telling people who and where we are", he continued, "that we can really be of service to the community around us. Telling the world what we do, need not be regarded as boasting of our achievements. Publicity helps us

to attract others to come and help. Any Branch operating a Film Unit knows how it attracts the younger men who are willing to give their time to help and thereby become involved in service to those less fortunate than themselves."

"The Report gives statistical data on membership and shows that during the year our 194 District Teams have registered only 24 new groups. Of the new men elected to membership during the year, 22 per cent. were under 30 years of age and 43 per cent. under 40. These are the men who will carry on Toc H in the future, and with proper sponsorship and well organised Branches, plus a willingness on our part to consider new ideas and methods, we need not feel too despondent in these days when so many counter attractions are available to our younger men."

"Our job as a Council is to address ourselves to the problems which occur at Branch level. We must see to it that the efficient organisation and enthusiasm that we find at these Council Meetings infects the Branches and does not fade away a few days after our return to our Areas."

R. AYSHFORD-SANFORD (*Cent. Exec.*) in seconding, underlined the need for improvements in Sponsorship and publicity within the Branches.

The Accounts

In moving consideration of the Accounts S. V. BERWICK (*Hon. Treasurer*) drew attention to a correction on page xxii of the advance copies of the Report, where the reference to a saving in costs should have read 'Printing' and not 'Postages'.

It was satisfactory to note that the building of Prideaux House had now been completed, and that CHARLES YOUNG was now recruiting the men to occupy it. The actual cost had been £53,000, an increase over the original estimate of £40,000, and some £10,000 was still needed. There had been a most welcome anonymous donation of £16,000 and a gift of £5,000 from the Wolfson Foundation. The anonymous donor hoped that the contribution would act as a primer for the building of other Marks. In this event a further £27,000 would be needed and he hoped members would be able to interest others to help financially in this constructive and creative work.

A useful reduction had taken place in the big overdraft at the bank, thanks to loans made free of charge by some Branches, while two members had lent the Movement £15,000 free of all interest. The income received from the membership showed an increase, rising from £10,000 in 1948 to £27,000 in 1961, but there was still quite a way to go before reaching the agreed target of 52/- per member.

He concluded with an extract from a letter written by a Branch Treasurer, which read: "If we only keep to those things for which we joined Toc H, where the right spirit prevails in a Branch, the membership has nothing to fear."

DUDLEY HERRING (*Cent. Exec.*), seconding, said that five years ago members were paying an average of 6d. per week; now it was 9d.; he hoped that it would not be another five years before 1s. 0d. had been reached.

Opening the discussion, F. L. PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*) drew attention to page XIV of the Report where the word 'leaders' appeared with a capital 'L'. "For years" he said, "we have read about leadership in Toc H, but never once recognised officially such a man in our organisation. It is time we acknowledged the fact that the men who lead us at all levels should be Leaders, chosen for that capacity rather than an ability to take the chair at meetings with great tact". A. L. HAWKINS (*Beds. & Herts.*) underlined the need for proper sponsorship; newcomers should be told more about the work of Areas and Headquarters. H. HALL (*Kent*) said that, if the Branch Treasurer and District Bursar did their job, the members would willingly accept their liability to contribute an average of one shilling a week. A Councillor thought that a case existed for reintroducing the capitation fee, but this was opposed: "One of the reasons for dropping the single payment of a capitation fee was that members should be in good standing throughout the whole year."

D. E. J. WOOLLEY (*Kent*) thought Toc H fell down in the problem of money - raising because the approach to giving was not seen as an integral part of Toc H life. Much could be learned from the Churches who were running Christian Stewardship campaigns. Membership of Toc H



Cyril Cattell, Festival Secretary.

demanding stewardship of time, talents and money. We needed a new membership form which would require a man not only to give his time, which most of them do, but give his best in all three ways. DUDLEY HERRING (*Cem Exec.*) pointed out that, with a large increase in the number of members, the present running costs of Headquarters and Areas would scarcely increase at all and money would become available for extra projects. J. S. MILL (*S. Wales*) said it was the Branch Treasurer's responsibility to see that a member's self-assessment was kept up and T. H. BRAMLEY



Arnold Beardmore

(*East Mids.*) felt that "paper never produced inspiration or infection" and there was a need to educate members at Branch level. JACK HARRISON (*Finance Sec.*) agreed that information published in the Annual Report and other papers was seldom read and soon forgotten. All but two of the Area Treasurers had recently come

together and knew why the money was needed. He told of the success of the envelope scheme, at present used by 2,500 members, and said that a first year's supply of envelopes was available free of cost to any Branch asking for them. He was not in agreement with a fixed members' subscription, but there was nothing to stop a Branch, if it felt strongly about it, from raising their contributions in this way.

In recent years we have lost a number of dying Branches and members, said W. STORY (*North Western*), and suggested that this was not a bad thing. "Quality is what counts", he continued, "and it is obviously the will of God it should be so." J. B. POOLE (*East Mids.*) denied that the loss of Branches was God's will; it was due to our own slackness. Padre C. F. POLLARD (*Kent & Sussex*) spoke on the need for spreading Toc H through personal contact by men who believe in it. T. H. BRAMLEY (*East Mids.*) believed it was worth making a great effort to save a

Branch from closing down. District Teams must be convinced of their responsibility for this and he gave impressive details of how, with effective organisation, good results had been achieved. N. F. CHIDLEY (*E. London*) added a suggestion that, where a Branch was badly led, the District Team might, as a temporary measure, provide a Chairman.

Dor Knap and Training

ALEC CHURCHER (*Training and Service Sec.*) reported a considerable increase in the number of training days held in Areas, helping people to think in new and original ways. Against this background Dor Knap was playing a particular part, where men can live together for a period. Last year between 600 and 700 men spent a week or a long weekend there, and this year the number promised to be even greater. In paying a tribute to the Wardens, GEORGE and DOROTHY ATKINSON, Alec said that their hostmanship at Dor Knap was superb.

Training was not an attempt to impose a particular pattern on how things should be done, but to help men to discover the nature of the Movement and some of its implications. Branches, in turn, must be helped to become places where men can progress from interest and involvement to commitment.

R. AYSHFORD-SANFORD (*Cent. Exec.*) gave an intimate picture of Dor Knap's earlier history, recalling his own boyhood there and the events leading to its passing into the hands of Toc H.

Prideaux House

During the last three years we have seen three bold ventures in faith, said D. E. LOCKHART (*Chairman, Properties Committee*)—Dor Knap, the move of Headquarters to Tower Hill and in 1961 the building of the new Mark, Prideaux House, at Hackney. The old Mark III had outlived its economic life and it was therefore decided to build another in its place, starting from scratch. This was now done and we have Prideaux House. It is the first Mark to have been designed and built to the specific requirements of a Mark. It embodies the experience gained throughout the years and is named after a man who is well known and well loved in Toc H. Prideaux-Brune was one of the first Marksmen and is still an active member of

Toc H. Naming this new House after him is our tribute to him for all that he has done for and in Toc H in so many ways over the years.

We pay tribute too to COLIN CAMPBELL for his energy and enthusiasm in harnessing support for the venture and to JACK CLARK on whom had fallen a great deal of additional work.

Introducing R. E. PETERS (*Marks Pilot at H.Q.*) he spoke of his long membership of Toc H in India and of his great gift of making men feel at home. Since joining the Toc H Staff 'Pete' had been working alongside Jack



R. E. Peters and E. W. Eden.

Clark and would be taking over as Houses Secretary on Jack's retirement in June. I am sure, he concluded, that he will prove a worthy successor.

In giving details of plans for staffing and running Prideaux House, R. E. Peters announced that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen

Mother had graciously consented to perform the official opening in June. Owing to limitations of space it would be necessary to limit the number of invitations to the ceremony to the donors, to certain people who could only be present at the opening, and to the workers, who had done a sterling job on the building. Other Toc H friends, to whom so much of the success of the undertaking was due, would be invited to special guestnights.

Thanking those responsible for the decision to give the new Mark the name of Prideaux House, L. PRIDEAUX-BRUNE said that it was a great honour and had given his wife and himself much pleasure. He paid warm tribute to long, fruitful and happy service given to the Marks by Jack Clark, who was now approaching retirement.

The history of Toc H is intimately connected with Jack Clark and Prideaux-Brune, declared TUBBY, who recalled the days of World War I when Jack was serving as a machine gunner in the newly-formed Tank Corps and Prideaux an acting Captain in Poperinge. The Founder

Padre also spoke of the Winant Volunteers and said that this year, in addition to their work in London, parties of them would be working in Bristol, Liverpool and Manchester. You can be very proud of them, he added, and when you meet them you are already their friends.

Schools and Work Projects

The fine work done by 'TOSHER' ELLIOT and KEN PRIDEAUX-BRUNE was acknowledged in the Annual Report, said R. L. BRADLEY (*Cent. Exec.*). The posting of ALAN



George Davis, Tubby and
Alec Churcher.

HILL to the Schools section had followed surprisingly quickly on a strong resolution from the Schools Committee that, if the work was to be done, Headquarters would have to supply manpower to do it. It would be of the greatest encouragement if members in the field would

support Schools work, so obviously vital as the life-blood of our Movement, as thoroughly as they possibly could.

Outlining the scope and problems of staffing the Schools section, LT. COL. W. R. ELLIOT (*Hon. Schools Sec.*) said that, apart from his other commitments, the load over the past year had mainly rested on the shoulders of the Schools Secretary alone. He hailed with intense relief the appointment of ALAN HILL as Assistant Schools Secretary: the fruits of his work were already becoming evident.

Last year's 'Operation Spurn Point' had been important because boys from affiliated Schools could spend part of their summer holidays and learn about Toc H there. It had been a combined operation between Toc H in Schools and the East Yorkshire Area, under the control of REG STEWART (*Scottish Sec.*)

Lessons learned at Spurn Point would be put into practice in two further projects this summer. The first of these would take the form of preparing an 'outward bound' centre on Lord Dulverton's estate in Scotland and would require a pioneer party of 50 boys, led by ALAN HILL and REG STEWART. There would also be a conservation project at Morden Bog, where a party of 25 boys, led by Padre BOB GREY and JEREMY POLLOCK

would live under canvas. In the Schools Week to be held at Dor Knap this coming Easter, a good bunch of 20 boys would be taking part, and the names are already coming in for a further Dor Knap Schools Week this summer from July 28 to August 4. As in previous years, boys between the ages of 16 and 18 are again volunteering as leaders for children's camps run by Toc H in various places.

Among the youth of this generation there was a spirit of adventure and a desire to be of use, far in advance of anything of the kind that existed when he was a boy. There were societies, other than Toc H, which were able to offer them holiday projects that were both adventurous and useful. Surely, he asked, something could be done for many boys by Branches of Toc H, which are pledged to service with people of all ages, as much for the young as their elders. There should be a large number of Branches that could provide opportunities in term-time for boys in their locality to help with jobs either at weekends or in their other spare time. The work of Toc H in Schools would continue to expand. It was from this source and from the Marks that new life for the Movement must come. He strongly urged that "Work with Youth" should be first priority for Toc H in 1963.

F. L. PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*) felt what had been said to be a long overdue revelation of what was going on in the Schools section which had everyone's sympathetic support, but he would like to see a greater mixture to include Secondary Modern Schools. ALAN HILL (*Asst. Schools Sec.*) sympathised with this viewpoint, but pointed out present staff limitations. It would help if Branches took an interest in their local Secondary Schools and stepped in with their own projects. D. A. YARDLEY-WRIGHT (*Western*) reminded Councillors of last year's resolution on 'staff spotting' with special reference to contact with Universities.

A. L. HAWKINS (*Beds. & Herts.*) thought that, if boys of fifteen were considered developed enough to take their places in industry, Toc H should be prepared to consider the affiliation of some Secondary Modern Schools. He enquired if the Loch Eil project was to be a permanent centre for Schools or would include boys coming from industry. W. R. ELLIOT said that at present 16 years is a definite landmark for entry into Toc H membership, but there was no question of snobbery and this might well lead to future developments. So far as the project at Loch Eil was concerned, the place will be free for boys of all kinds

and ages, whether coming from school or industry. It was hoped that it would be handed over to the Schools section for the Easter and Summer holidays for boys of their own selection.

Brigadier L. F. E. WIELER (*Cent. Exec.*) begged all Areas to take an active interest in the work of the Schools section and A. V. THOMAS (*West Mids.*) proposed that linking-up with Secondary Modern Schools should be a major Jubilee project. This proposal was seconded by G. J. WILLCOCKS (*South Western*) and carried. The CHAIRMAN expressed the Council's indebtedness to Lord Dulverton for his initiative and help.

Summer Festival

Giving details of the arrangements for this year's Festival in London on June 16/17, R. J. R. TREFUSIS (*Chairman, Festival Team*) announced that Sir FREDERICK HOARE, the Lord Mayor of London and a former Marksman, would be the Guest-speaker at the Royal Albert Hall gathering. The Festival's value and success, he continued, depend on what the members themselves bring to it: there was a need to arouse the interest of those Branches which had not grasped its significance.

In response to a question asking what distinction was visualised between Anglican and Free Church Services, CYRIL CATTELL (*Festival Secretary*) said that in all five churches the same Order of Service would be used. W. STORY (*North Western*) asked if it would be possible for some London Branches to arrange billets in church halls or drill halls for members bringing camp-beds; reference was made to a notice in the booking form which invited visiting members to state their needs.

The New Central Executive

All Councillors had received early reminders of their own responsibility for nominating candidates for election to office for the new year. This had resulted in four new nominations, three of the candidates being outside the thirty-mile radius of London. Two members of the Central Executive then in office had not been able to offer themselves for re-election, FRANK CLARKE and PHILIP PRIOR. Ten members in London and the Home Counties had been nominated again and six in the remainder of the United

Kingdom, making totals of eleven and nine candidates respectively.

This year the outgoing Central Executive had not exercised their right to nominate two candidates, who would not be likely to be known to Councillors, for appointment by show of hands, so, instead of the usual seven, there were eight vacancies on each of two lists to be filled by ballot. Having been given full particulars of all the candidates previously and the opportunity of meeting most of them during the week-end, the Councillors recorded their votes and heard the result of the count by four scrutineers on Sunday morning. Of the candidates on the London and Home Counties list the one new one and two of the serving members were not elected, the eight who were elected having served on the Executive for various periods previously. Of the eight candidates elected from the 'Rest of U.K.', two were new to the Executive and six had served on it previously.

The Central Executive for 1962-63, listed below, thus consists of fourteen members of the previous year's Executive, two new members, the four who are members *ex officio*, and two who have yet to be co-opted:

ELECTED MEMBERS

A — LONDON AND HOME COUNTIES: W. HUGH BEETON (*formerly of Bermondsey and Accra Branches*). R. L. BRADLEY (*Chairman, Schools Committee*). S. GEORGE H. DAVIS (*late of South India; Beds. and Herts. Area*). HARRY GELL (*Bromley Branch, S.E. London Area*). DUDLEY F. HERRING (*Orpington Branch, S.E. London Area*). HARRY D. MILLS (*Mill Hill Branch, N. London Area*). JEREMY J. POLLOCK (*ex-South Africa; Forest Gate group, E. London Area*). R. J. R. (JACK) TREFUSIS (*President, Talbot House Association; W. London Area*).

B. — REST OF THE UNITED KINGDOM: RICHARD AYSHFORD-SANFORD (*Broadway Branch, West Midlands Area*). ARNOLD BEARDMORE (*Chelmsford Branch, Essex, E. London Area*). JAMES B. BRADFORD (*North Shields Branch, Northern Area*). Colonel JOHN A. DAVIES (*Stevenage Branch, Beds. and Herts. Area*). ROBIN G. DUNFORD (*King's Norton Branch, West Midlands Area*). THOMAS F. GILBERT (*Ashford Branch, Kent Area*). CYRIL M. LLOYD



Breakfasting together at Swanwick.

(Paignton Branch, South Western Area). Brigadier LESLIE F. E. WIELER (*lately Governor H.M. Tower of London; Surrey Area*).

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

STANLEY V. BERWICK (*Sevenoaks Branch, Kent Area; Hon. Treasurer*). JOHN CALLF (*Administrator*). The Rev. Dr. P. B. CLAYTON (*Founder Padre*). The Rev. R. J. DAVIES (*Administrative Padre*).

Refreshment

Taking place as it did on the mid-Lent 'Day of Refreshment', this final session well lived-up to its title. A number of Councillors gave news within their own experience of extension of new groups, expansion from within Branches and expression of fresh vitality through a wider range of ages.

Drawing an intriguing parallel between Toc H and British Railways, F. W. CLARKE (*Cent. Exec.*) said that both were run at a loss, with broken communications, acted ponderously and often too late and were lacking in imagination when seeking solutions to problems. There was a tendency in Toc H Branches to hang-on to people who had lost their interest, and Branch programmes were often neither topical nor stimulating. The Movement needed a more adventurous spirit at all levels.

The other side of the picture was presented by SIMON ALLARD (*Western*), telling of the activities of the young

men and women of Bristol University Toc H Circle, and GILBERT FRANCIS (*South Western A.S.*) of how a Branch in a low state had regained its strength through organising a guild of social service and could now provide a working-party of 370 people. G. T. ASQUITH (*East Yorks.*) instanced the start of two lively groups and a 24-week training course for Youth Leaders that included Toc H in its curriculum and was able to enlist them in local Branch activities. D. E. J. WOOLLEY (*Kent*) spoke on the success of a club for Borstal boys, sponsored by local Toc H and W.A. members, and N. F. CHIDLEY (*Cent. Exec.*) told of how one small Branch, through making its meeting-room attractive and comfortable, had gained a considerable increase in strength.

Services

The day began with celebration of the Holy Communion in the Chapel on both the Saturday and Sunday mornings. Before the Council resumed its business on the Sunday, there was a short service, held in the Conference Hall, conducted by Padre COLIN CUTTELL, in the course of which he said, "God has no limitations—the limitations are all ours", adding "This should have been shouted from the roof-tops at yesterday afternoon's session".

Saturday Night

At a second informal session, chaired by JACK TREFUSIS, a further selection of slides, accompanied by brief talks, was presented by GEORGE ATKINSON (*Dor Knap*), REG STEWART (*Spurn Point*) ALAN HILL (*Loch Eil*) GEOFF MARTIN (*Singapore*) while TUBBY produced pictures taken in London and on the Continent during the Winants' very first visit. The FOUNDER PADRE, once on his feet and in great form, declared that it was at these annual meetings of the Council that we met to mend our nets. His talk ranged over the wide field of Toc H as he made point after point demonstrating that it was a revolt from small-mindedness and loneliness, and that it inspired men by its example of faith working by love. All too soon came the time for family prayers led by STANLEY BERWICK after which, Tubby, with still much to communicate led many of the company to a further intimate and unrecorded session in the comfort of the lounge.

Final Stages

Nearing the end of the final session, the Chairman pointed out that this would be the last Council meeting at which REX CALKIN would be present as General Secretary and HARRY GELL (*Cent. Exec.*) told of his deep personal friendships with many men and vision for the Movement that even transcended Rex's remarkable efficiency. The Council offered Rex their best wishes for whatever he intended to do, but retirement he was sure it would not be.

TUBBY recalled the time, nearly forty years ago, when he appealed to Rex to abandon his promising career in industry to work for Toc H. How he has managed during the ensuing years to combine all the work he has done for the Movement, no one save God could tell. There was joy in knowing that Rex would still be frequently at Headquarters and, Tubby added, it could scarcely bear that name without him there.

FREDDIE PETCH (*Beds. & Herts.*) voiced the Council's appreciation of the skilful and tactful way, laced with humour, in which the Chairman had handled this year's meeting and, in reply GEORGE DAVIS urged Councillors to take back to all their Branches the need for their prayers and active response in order to ensure the success of the forthcoming Jubilee. He also thanked all those who had shared in the organisation together with the Councillors for their support during the weekend. Homegoing Prayers were then led by the Rev. R. J. DAVIES (*Admin. Padre*).



Business completed, preparing to leave for home.

No Birthday Picnic

JOHN CALLE

THE FIRST BRANCH LAMPS were presented at the Guild-hall in 1922. This means that dozens of Branches will this year be celebrating their fortieth birthday. Well done them: they should have something worth celebrating.

Since they are the senior Branches it would be good if they set a new fashion in birthday celebrations. So before they plunge into any of the old routine let them ask themselves what they are really celebrating, how that celebration can be most meaningful, and what improvement to the Branch the celebration should produce. If they come up with entirely new styles of celebration then heaven be praised and may the younger Branches follow suit. Visitors have been heard to say that nothing is less typical of Branch life than a Branch birthday celebration or Guest-night. Is that true—or desirable?

From the Headquarters standpoint our pleasure is not unmingled with a touch of apprehension; for we already know what happens in the many Branches that have attained tenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-fifth or thirtieth birthdays. A Branch decision to have a birthday celebration, usually on a Saturday, is often followed by a letter asking for "a Headquarters speaker". This term conjures up a picture of some dungeon at Headquarters with a row of specially trained speakers, all panting to be freed from their padlocks and unleashed on unsuspecting audiences. Alas, it is not quite like that.

We are a small handful of departmental specialists whose departmental work takes up most of our working

week. Occasional mid-week tours in the Areas are fitted in as far as administrative work will allow. These tours occasionally include appearances at some Branch birthday-cum-District Guest-night. At weekends the few of us do what we can amongst the competing demands of attendance at something like a hundred Area Executives a year, numerous Area Festivals and Conferences, Central Conferences, pilgrimages, training weeks or weekends at Dor Knap, and so on. This is essential communications and training work. It is our best opportunity to get into the "front-line", to get to know the local leaders, to discuss ideas and problems. We want to be in touch with the Branches. The platform is not the best means to that end.

We hope that Branches will thus understand why we are so unable to cope with birthday invitations. What we can do is to offer a little simple advice which may be of help to any Branches about to plan a birthday party.

Three Rules

RULE 1: *Do it yourself.* It's your party. No-one outside the Branch is under any obligation to find you a speaker, fill the hall or fill the bucket at the door to pay the cost. Unless the District or Area, as the case may be, officially adopts the birthday as its wider show, it is under no obligation to support it, and if it chooses not to attend the celebration any talk of being let down is quite out of place.

RULE 2: *To make it real, make it local.* Guests from your own township are infinitely more important than whole coachloads of members from Branches further afield. Invite local well-wishers, Toc H Builders, General Members, relatives of deceased Branch members, friends you meet on your jobs, former visiting speakers, representatives of youth organisations, etc., etc. Past and present Branch Officers should talk of past achievements and future hopes, and ask for continued help.

If you still want an outside speaker why not a local

personality who from knowledge can pay tribute to your work and commend you to the town's support?

RULE 3: *Go for depth, not width.* Some Branches seem to think that a birthday is only worth celebrating if they can fill a church for a rededication service and pack a large hall afterwards. Often the immense amount of time and energy used yields only shallow results, with no lasting benefit to the Branch. There is the classic story of one Branch birthday rededication service. The large congregation of guests was solemnly rededicated, but not the Branch. Almost to a man they were next door in the parish hall cutting up sandwiches for the beanfeast! My own views on public rededication services are coloured by an early recollection of the fattest man in the Branch solemnly bidding us all to look wide.

A Branch might profitably decide to rededicate itself quietly, but with great depth, in its own Branch room, or at its own conference or quiet weekend. Why not?

On 'The Hill'

By the way, we are very proud of our new Headquarters on Tower Hill and are very glad for visiting Branch parties to be shown over them. Usually this is at weekends, when normally we are scattered up and down the country. Empty offices are not very exciting. My inclination is to do a deal with Madame Tussauds so that when we go off at weekends we leave ourselves seated in smiling effigy at our desks. How long would it take for my room to become known as the Chamber of Horrors?



The first-comers are being served — have you ordered your Festival Tickets?



Here are another two entries in the Competition 'Concerning Toc II'. For details see cover notice.

Operation 'Housebound'

E. A. HOOD

SCENE:—*A Toc H room with a typical bunch of ordinary chaps sitting around.*

THE OCCASION:—*The first meeting following the Old Folks summer outing.*

AS THE SECRETARY read out the many letters from pleased and grateful folks who had just been treated to a grand tour round the countryside and a picnic on a glorious and historical estate, we were all feeling that glow of self-satisfaction which comes from a job well done; 100 old folks collected, transported and fed.

We were beginning to sit back with a satisfied grin on our faces when, that awkward so-and-so, George, dropped his bombshell and exploded our smugness by saying that, although the folks who had been with us had enjoyed the outing we had once again missed the boat, just as we had done with both our previous parties and outings. We had missed the most deserving group, those many old and neglected folks who were not able to enjoy the freedom of the great outdoors. Those who were tied to their houses or beds through age or infirmity, and he wanted to know what WE were going to do about them?

In face of this outspoken criticism we all felt ashamed for our oversight and agreed that this time something must be done, and so on the next agenda was "Operation Housebound".

It was agreed that the emphasis should be on personal contact and that each person should be visited. Now,

visiting usually means taking something in one's hand. The next item was to fill these hands with the good things of Christmas, but as usual the kitty was empty. Ways and means had to be found to supply each of our 'shut-ins' with a respectable parcel of comforts. Ideas were many and varied; an appeal to the Town Council obtained permission to use the foyer of the theatre as a receiving depot. Some shops put out receiving boxes and our good friends the Press saw that the general public were put in the picture. We were soon able to see the result of our efforts.

Our target of fifty people to visit and supply was as many as the most optimistic of us could picture. So generous was the response that we found we needed more and more names from the people best able to supply them, the doctors, district nurses, neighbours and welfare workers. Finally when the last parcel was packed and delivered we found that we had served eighty-five old folks. We who did this visiting came away from the bedside or wheelchair feeling here at least was a real job of service, which, thanks to that awkward so-and-so George, had not again been overlooked.—*Good old George.*

★ Gateway to Fellowship

JOHN TRIMMER

WHAT HAS BEEN THE EFFECT on the 600 or more who have stayed at Dor Knap? Why did they go? What has it to offer Toc H? What I say here is essentially a personal reaction.

I returned to my Branch after two years abroad only to find the Movement lacked something for me. I believe it to be a pioneering outward looking movement guided by the Four Points of the Compass. Thus amongst other

things we are instructed to "love widely" and of this John Durham wrote "It is in company with his fellows that a man makes the venture of loving and the further he travels the wider he finds the road and the greater the number of his partners". Contrast this with dwindling numbers at corporate communion at All Hallows, Branch bickering over the Family Purse, District and Area functions going off at "half cock". This was my experience in my own District. It may be only local but I could see the possibility of Spring Part District disintegrating into self centred units of men ultimately either dominated by some local personality—good or bad—or swallowed up by a more positive movement.

I felt vaguely that some others in the District thought like me but we never seemed to get anywhere. I also thought—rightly or wrongly—that many others throughout the country might feel the same. Dor Knap seemed the place to find out and to seek advice.

What in fact happened? From early on the Saturday morning it became obvious that many had doubts as I did and under Ray Fabes' guidance and in the compelling atmosphere of that lovely Cotswold house our discussions soon showed that the most pressing need was to review our attitude to fellowship. For me to have this particular aspect of Toc H openly discussed without inhibitions and without rancour was of tremendous help. We did not cover new ground nor produce revolutionary suggestions. We did resolve, however, without reservation to try to shed parochialism and seek to turn part of our Branch life outwards to wider horizons.

The hardened warrior sighs and says he's seen it all before and witnessed resolution and hopes fade before the next Branch meeting. I believe he can be wrong. Dor Knap I suggest can become the symbol of the First Point of the Compass and the centre of Toc H revival because above all it can offer fellowship in abundance. It can also provide the inspiration which prevents resolution dying.

I found this and more at Dor Knap. What about the other 600?



Festival Preachments

On the afternoon of Saturday, June 16, Festival Services are being simultaneously held at five central churches in London. Here is a brief biographical outline of each of the five preachers.

ALL HALLOWS-BY-THE-TOWER

IN THE PULPIT at All Hallows-by-the-Tower will be the Rev. AUSTEN WILLIAMS, who is widely known to radio and television audiences. Austen served for eight years (1940-48) as a member of Toc H staff, mainly in the London Areas, and while engaged on Toc H war service work was taken prisoner during the German advance through Flanders in 1940, enduring captivity until the Liberation in 1944. Later, he joined the staff of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and, in 1951, became vicar of St. Albans, Clifton, until 1956 when he returned to London to become vicar of St. Martin's. His hobbies include photography and bird-watching.

THE CITY TEMPLE

AT THE CITY TEMPLE, the preacher will be the Rev. EDWARD ROGERS, General Secretary of the Methodist Christian Citizenship Department and last year's President of the Methodist Conference. Born at Fleetwood in 1909, he was at one time Circuit Minister at the East London Mission and has also held ministerial charges at Bakewell, Birmingham and Southport. He is also the Organising Director of the Methodist Relief Fund and Chairman of Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service. His published works include: *The First Easter*, *A Commentary on Communism*, *Programme for Peace*, *That They Might Have Life* and *The Christian Approach to the Communist*.

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS

Canon COLIN CUTTELL, the preacher at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, joined the staff of Toc H London Office in 1927 and four years later left for Canada where he became Youth Leader at St. Stephen's Church, Edmonton. From 1937 to 1942, he was Missioner at Wabamun, Alberta, with a territory of some 2,500 square miles to cover by canoe, skis, plane, car and saddle-horse. In 1944 he returned to England and at Bishop Cuthbert Bardsley's invitation joined the Staff of Southwark Cathedral, with special responsibility for industrial relations. The next seventeen years were spent in building the South London Industrial Mission and editing *Over the Bridge*. He was appointed Field Commissioner on the Staff of Toc H in January, 1962. Colin's spare-time activities include writing for various Journals, sketching, bird-spotting, camping—in fact anything out-of-doors.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH

The Very Reverend ERNEST SOUTHCOTT, who will be preaching at the Temple Church, is the Provost of Southwark Cathedral. A Canadian by birth, he came to England in 1936 and after studies at Mirfield, worked on Tyneside as a parish priest. From 1944-1961 he was the vicar of St. Wilfred's, Halton, Leeds, where he started the House-church experiment and became chairman of the Executive of the Parish People movement. He has lectured widely in Britain and North America, is a regular broadcaster and his published writing includes *Receive this Child*, *The Parish Comes Alive*, and *Meditations in Lent*.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

A Toc H staff Padre, the Rev. A. G. KNIGHT, is the preacher at Hinde Street Methodist Church. Born in West Ham, his career in banking was interrupted by World War II and three years service in the Royal Navy led him to New College, London and training for the Congregational ministry. His first appointment as a minister was at Mill Hill, where from the commencement he was "drawn into Toc H". Bob became an Area Padre in 1955 in the Southern Area and in 1958 moved to Manchester Area. Married in 1951, Bob has two children, Malcolm age 8 and Ruth 5. His hobbies include music, reading and swimming.

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BERRY.—On March 19, ARTHUR WILLIAM BERRY, aged 61, formerly Ealing Branch and the Central Executive. Elected 1.10.'23.

BREED.—On January 24, CHARLES F. BREED, aged 71, a member of Seven Kings Branch. Elected 3.10.'56.

CLEASBY.—On March 8, ERNEST CLEASBY, aged 51, a member of Newton Abbot Branch. Elected 13.1.'34.

CLOVER.—On March 9, CHARLES CLOVER, aged 63, a member of Willesborough Branch. Elected 12.11.'51.

COE.—On January 10, LOUIS FRANK COE, aged 76, a member of Cromer Branch. Elected 7.1.'60.

DAVIES.—On December 26, DANIEL DAVIES, aged 78, a member of Llanllwch Branch. Elected 15.3.'50.

ELLIS.—On February 24, D. STANLEY ELLIS, aged 72, a member of Hallam Branch. Elected 18.11.'35.

ETCHELLS.—On February 15, ALAN HUBERT ETCHELLS, A.R.P.S., aged 84, a member of Clacton-on-Sea Branch. Elected 30.5.'30.

FOWLER.—On March 26, GEORGE ALFRED FOWLER, aged 61, a member of Eastbourne Branch. Elected 5.12.'57.

FRANCIS.—On March 20, NORMAN FRANCIS, aged 67, a founder member of Houghton-le-Spring Branch. Elected 23.3.'50.

GOUGH.—On March 22, WILLIAM DAVID GOUGH, a member of Crownhill Branch. Elected 13.12.'55.

HAYWARD.—On February 18, REGINALD CHARLES HAYWARD ('Pickles'), aged 56, a member of Poole Branch. Elected 12.10.'33.

HUNTLEY.—On March 10, REGINALD W. HUNTLEY ('Pa'), aged 75, a member of Porlock Branch. Elected 27.11.'26.

JOHNSON.—On February 26, FRANK L. JOHNSON, aged 70, a founder member of Kimberworth Branch. Elected 3.10.'31.

LOCKHART.—On March 1, ERNEST LOCKHART, aged 79, a founder member of Berkhamsted Branch. Elected 7.11.'29.

MATTHEWS.—On March 17, JAMES HENRY MATTHEWS, aged 76, a member of Ryde Branch. Elected 1.1.'52.

MAYNARD.—On March 20, JACK THOMAS MAYNARD, aged 69, a member of Hammersmith Branch. Elected 8.11.'37.

MCLAUCHLAN.—On March 1, NEIL MCLAUCHLAN ('Old Neil'), aged 81, a founder member of Alloa Branch. Elected 30.1.'37.

MEADE.—On March 23, HERBERT WILLIAM MEADE, aged 66, a member of Sheringham Branch. Elected 1.1.'51.

OTTER.—On March 24, FREDERICK OTTER, aged 85, a member of Budleigh Salterton Branch. Elected 29.4.'56.

PALMER.—On December 28, FREDERICK SUTTON PALMER, aged 63, a member of Anstey Branch. Elected 16.9.'47.

PALMER.—On March 23, WILFRID ERNEST PALMER, M.B.E. ('Wep'), aged 67, a member of Yeovil Branch. Elected 31.7.'26.

PERRY.—In December, PICKERING P. PERRY, an East Midlands Area member. Elected 1.4.'25.

SHAW.—On March 17, ROBERT SHAW, aged 63, a founder member of Crieff Branch. Elected 15.1.37.

THRELFALL.—On February 18, JOHN THRELFALL, aged 52, a founder member of Belvedere Branch. Elected 4.12.51.

YERRINGTON.—On December 26, GEORGE YERRINGTON ('Ginger'), aged 59, a former member of Wednesfield Branch. Elected 18.5.26.

In Memoriam

WILFRID ERNEST PALMER

'WEP' PALMER was this year's Master of the Glovers' Company in the City of London. He died suddenly in St. Paul's Cathedral where, with other Masters, he was waiting to receive the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs attending the annual United Guilds Service.

In World War I, 'Wep' served in the 19th Royal Fusiliers from which he was commissioned to the Dorset Regiment and when serving in Mesopotamia was twice mentioned in despatches. Much could be written of his tremendous record of public service in all its varied forms over a period of many years. He gave himself and his wide range of abilities fully and completely to the service of his fellow men, from his Chairmanship of a Hospital Management Committee to the patient understanding of young people which he exercised as a School Governor.

Yet these are not the things by which 'Wep' will be remembered by so many of us. The man who lives on in our hearts is the man who inspired us when things seemed at their worst by his quiet certainty of the worthwhileness of Toc H and its place in God's plan; the man who by his very presence and by his sound commonsense, exercised in great humility, made a burden seem so much lighter or a solution so much nearer. Many men came within his sphere of influence, and all were touched by him and became better for having known him. When his health deteriorated over the last few years, and he had to rest more and act less, his faith never wavered. He remained a real person rather than becoming in any way withdrawn, and his delight in human companionship remained as great as ever.

And so the memories that remain are good ones; of a ready smile and spontaneous laughter; of miles travelling with him and listening enthralled to his comments on nature, for he was an expert botanist; of friendship given unsparingly; and of the faith and humility which were characteristic of the man.

G.A.F. and M.B.E.

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The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point. Effort is made to include a representative selection, and they are printed as individual view-points, not necessarily those of the Movement as a whole.

'Toc H in a School'

I FEEL that Alan Hill's article "Toc H in a School" is in danger of putting a wrong emphasis on the work of Toc H in Schools.

The system built up over the years of School Correspondents putting boys in touch with Toc H projects is a good one. I can speak as both a school correspondent and a Branch member. Boys from this school have been to Dor Knap, helped at Spurn Point, volunteered for work with Toc H summer camps and sent parcels to Borstal boys for the past three or four years. I am quite sure that out of the thirty or more boys who have been put in touch with Toc H at work some will, in the fullness of time, join.

I would think it quite wrong to form a School Branch of Toc H simply because Toc H is a man's concept and I can-

not imagine how the basic needs of the Toc H Branch can be met in a school atmosphere. The success at Wellingborough is praiseworthy and commendable but I hope it may prove unique.

What I would plead for is an extension of the work as at present undertaken by 'Tosher' Elliot and Alan Hill, so that the boys who meet Toc H may be kept in touch with later on. The boy who is impressed with Dor Knap may not be able to join immediately (the pressure of exams, fighting to establish himself in a competitive world and getting married are all possible obstacles to this) but *in time* the right moment for the approach will come.

The Army phrase of "reinforcing strength" could well be applied to our Toc H in Schools section. It is doing valiant work now: its best work lies in the next few years when the absence of National Service

leaves the field clear for voluntary service.

In backing up the V.S.O. scheme and increasing the number of work projects the section will be fully extended. Could I make a plea for more energetic backing from the Branches, so that no school is left to its own devices but is brought more into the adult family of Toc H? This would be more appropriate than fostering School Branches.

GEORGE EUSTANCE

*West Kirby
Cheshire*

'Bill' Martin

MIGHT I PLEASE, through the JOURNAL, offer my grateful thanks to the writers of hundreds of letters of comfort and sympathy that have come to me from Toc H folk all over Britain on learning of Bill's death. I simply cannot answer them all, at the present time, but I do want those who have written to know that my hard road of sorrow and grief has been made easier by their thoughts and prayers.

VIC MARTIN

*Whispering Sisters
Warden Point, Sheerness*

To Branch Hon. Treasurers

DEAR TREASURER,

It was revealed at a recent meeting of Area Treasurers that 75 per cent of the Branches in this country did not meet their Family Purse Target in the last financial year. The Target was agreed at the 1957 Central Council Meeting

as being the minimum required to keep Toc H going at a reasonable level. If your Branch is one of those which does not accept the Target figure, then it should be prepared to ventilate its reasons, as it must have a strong case to allow itself to be subsidised by other Branches.

I am certain that in every Branch there are at least a few members who do not want to let the side down and it is to them, through you as Treasurer, that I make this appeal:—

1. Assess your Target figure by multiplying the Branch Membership by 52s.

2. Send this money in *now*, not at the end of the financial year but *now*. If you have not got it then ask some members to pay their subs. in advance or get a few members to put up the cash on a loan basis or take it out of the reserve fund—or something! But do it *now*.

The urgency is apparent when you know that hundreds of pounds have to be wasted every year on overdraft interest. £50 sent in at the beginning of the financial year is worth £3 to £4 more than the same amount sent in at the end.

Yours faithfully,

DON PURNELL.

*Hon. Treasurer,
Waterlooville Branch.*

Toc H and Scouting

CAN I ASK all members to read again Derek Wright's excellent letter in the December JOURNAL, and to consider ways and means of rebuilding at local level that strong liaison which once existed between Toc H and Scouting in so

many districts? As one who has spent most of his life as a member of both movements, and who was brought into Toc H by his Scoutmaster. I do know and appreciate how closely the two movements are linked by their common aims and purpose.

During the 1930's a substantial proportion of the recruitment to Portsmouth Branch (and of many other Branches too!), came via the Scout Movement, and one longs for a renewal of this link to make possible the introduction of young men into what some of us believe is the natural "follow-on" of Scouting.

There is a wider aspect to this, too! At a time when all but the most determined of parents are being ousted from their age-old position of benevolent authority by various Youth (with a capital 'Y') services, and by mass propaganda, there is a mighty job to be tackled. Someone, somewhere and somehow, has got to get over to our younger brothers and sisters the challenge of positive Christian living as the only really worthwhile objective in life. Who better to do this than Toc H? Can we not get a much closer tie-up with the N.A.B.C., the C.L.B., the Boy Scouts Assn., etc., and endeavour to create such a liaison that we shall become the natural 'follow-on' for all of these organisations?

Derek suggests a possible meeting of interested members at Dor Knap or elsewhere. I have been wondering whether it would be possible for those members of both Toc H and Scouting who are interested and who intend coming to the Festival in June, to stay at R.P. House for the Saturday night

with the object of fitting in an hour or two between programmes to air opinions and to discuss the prospects.

FRANK BARTER

*"Brookside",
Brookside Road,
Bedhampton, Hants.*

We understand that there will be an opportunity for Scouting/ Toc H members to get together at their Family Gathering in the Royal Festival Hall on Sunday afternoon, June 17.—ED.

Church in Africa

I AM TRYING to help a Nigerian curate, in our parish until August, to obtain some furnishings to take back to his Church in Africa. If any JOURNAL readers know of any altar linen no longer in use, even if in need of repair, I would gladly accept it and undertake the necessary mending. Offeritory plates, Communion vessels or anything else to help furnish the church would also be very acceptable and I would gladly pay the postage.

(Miss) IRENE REID

*7 Calder Street,
Blackburn, Lancs.*

Animal Experiments

THE RSPCA are conducting a campaign to rouse public opinion to have the law regarding experiments on animals properly enforced. Nearly 4,000,000 experiments per year are made on helpless animals, nine out of ten without anaesthetics.

The Act of 1876 prohibits experiments unless they are necessary for adding to medical knowledge which may alleviate

suffering, or save or prolong life, even then they must be performed under anaesthetic and the animals destroyed before coming round if pain will result.

There are only six inspectors to control these experiments and they are mostly concerned with issuing licences, and inspecting premises and applicants, they do not inspect or supervise one per cent of the experiments.

Every hour thousands of helpless animals in this country are being tortured to death and we must not sit back and wait for others to do something about it.

I suggest that every Branch of Toc H should obtain the pamphlet '*Cruelty Within the Law*' from the RSPCA, 105 Jermyn St. London S.W.1. read and discuss it, and then if they are agreed, act upon its suggestions.

W. FIGG

Thornton Heath, Surrey.

'Diehards' Reunion

IN CONNECTION with a proposed reunion, I should be glad to make contact with any survivors of the sinking of the *Lishon Marie* and, in addition, any ex-bandsmen and drummers of the Middlesex Regiment, irrespective of battalion, age or length of service. Incidentally, the 6th and 16th battalions of the Middlesex in World War I had pipe bands, and I should like to include their pipers also.

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All entries for the Competition, which should be marked 'Concerning Toc H', will be considered by an Editorial Panel, and those deemed suitable given a distinguishing mark ★ and printed. Every Branch and group is asked to spend a little time each month to consider the articles and decide which has the greatest interest for them. Their decision to be noted by a 'Scorer' appointed for the year.

At the conclusion of the Competition, the 'Scorer' will ask the other members to compare the eleven articles they have chosen and to decide by vote which they consider the most outstanding. On the basis of Branch and group votes received, the writer of the highest-placed entry will be entitled to nominate any Branch or group he chooses to receive an award of £5 5s. 0d. for the unit funds.

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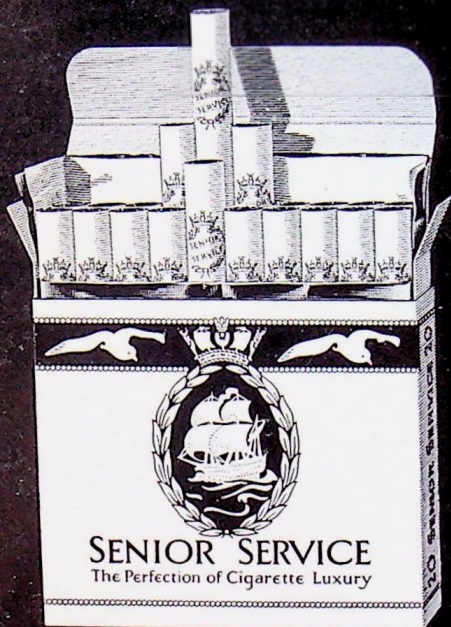
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